



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Yasuhiro Tani, et al.  
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For: POLISHING AGENT, METHOD OF  
PRODUCING SAME, AND  
METHOD OF POLISHING  
Group Art Unit: 3724  
Examiner: T. V. Eley  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "C"**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 12, 2005 and the Advisory  
Action dated April 25, 2005 in the above-referenced application, applicant is submitting a  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1,114 simultaneously  
herewith, together with a fee for said RCE and also a petition for extension of time to extend  
the time to respond to said Final Office Action by one month to May 12, 2005 as well as an  
extension fee therefor. The instant PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT is being filed as the  
"submission" related to said RCE in which the application is amended as follows: